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DIVISION (OSAD)

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(C) MCKEW-BLACK TELECON, APRIL 10, 1974

1. PRIOR TO SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE (STSC) CONSIDERATION OF UN SPACE APPLICATIONS PROGRAM (WHICH WE UNDERSTAND SCHEDULED APRIL 22), MISSION SHOULD CONSULT WITH JAPANESE AND EXPAND UPON POINTS MADE PREVIOUSLY IN ACCORDANCE REF(C) RE THEIR CONTEMPLATED PROPOSAL CONCERNING POSSIBLE OSAD EXPANSION.

2. DRAWING AS APPROPRIATE ON REF(B) PARA 3, YOU MAY SAY US SHARES JAPANESE INTEREST IN MAKING OSAD MAXIMALLY EFFECTIVE WITHIN SCOPE OF WHATEVER TERMS OF REFERENCE MAY

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BE ASSIGNED IT. HOWEVER, APART FROM QUESTION OF ITS

PROPRIETY, WE CANNOT AUTOMATICALLY ACCEPT PREMISES IMPLICIT IN SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL'S REPORTED ENLARGEMENT PITCH IN TOKYO (REF (A) PARA 1) THAT OSAD MOST APPROPRIATE UNVEIL "TO ASSIST LDCS IN UNDERSTANDING AND DERIVING BENEFITS FROM SPACE APPLICATIONS PROGRAMS," OR THAT SIGNIFICANT ENLARGEMENT OF DIVISION NECESSARILY CALLED FOR.

3. AS INDICATED REF(B), WE THINK ASSIGNING SECRETARIAT TO

"STUDY AND PREPARE PLAN FOR INCREASING NUMBER OF SPACE EXPERTS" ON ITS STAFF WOULD BE HIGHLY LIKELY TO YIELD SELF-SERVING RESULT. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS TO US THAT NEW EXAMINATION OF OSAD'S PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE ROLE AND FUNCTIONS COULD BE USEFUL IF CONDUCTED WITHOUT PRECONCEPTIONS AND FROM OUTSIDE DIVISION ITSELF. ACCORDINGLY, WE COULD SUPPORT PROPOSAL THAT SYG BE REQUESTED TO HAVE HIS MANAGEMENT STAFF (AMS) UNDERTAKE AND REPORT ON SUCH AN EXAMINATION. (FYI. INASMUCH AS BUDGET FOR 1976-77 BIENNium WILL BE UNDER CONSIDERATION IN EARLY 1975, THIS COULD LEAD TO SOME SCHEDULING PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY IF STSC TO PARTICIPATE IN STUDY IN ANY DEPTH; HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE SUCH PROBLEMS COULD BE SOLVED IN WAY PERMITTING TIMELY REPORT. END FYI).

4. IN DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH JAPANESE, YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT WE WOULD BE COMPELLED TO RESIST ANY PROPOSAL ADDITIVE TO (AS CONTRASTED TO RE-ALLOCATIONS WITHIN) 1974-75 PROGRAM BUDGET. THEREFORE, EVEN IF OSAD EXPANSION EVENTUALLY DEEMED DESIRABLE AS RESULT OF OBJECTIVE STUDY, WE WOULD INSIST THAT IT NOT TAKE PLACE UNLESS IT IS COVERED BY 1976-77 BUDGET ON BASIS OF ADEQUATE CONSIDERATION OF OVERALL PRIORITIES AND THEIR RELATION TO FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS. KISSINGER

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